

REMARKS

Applicants filed a Letter, together with the initial papers for this application, on January 4, 2005, requesting entry and consideration of amendments to the specification and claims made under Art. 34 of the PCT during the international stage of this application. That letter included amended sheets of the specification and claims in English text.

Those amendments included amendment of the specification to insert the following paragraph at page 2, after line 21...

An example of bakers' yeast strains whose offensive taste and odor characteristic of yeast is weak can be found in "a method for making bread using yeast isolated from sea water" (see JP 6-52 A), in which a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* isolated from sea water is used to provide bread with a beautiful aroma. However, such a strain is less freeze-tolerant and is difficult to use in frozen doughs. Likewise, bakers' yeast strains with high freeze tolerance are exemplified by those found in JP 5-64581 A, JP 7-203952 A and JP 12-279165 A, but these strains have a strong offensive taste and odor characteristic of yeast, which is responsible for making the flavor worse in yeast-rich frozen doughs under present circumstances.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that such amendment to the specification has been made.

The present Preliminary Amendment further amends the claims to cancel claims 1-9, 26, 28 and 30. Claims 20-22, 24, 27 and 29 are amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and otherwise better conform them to U.S. practices. New claims 31 and 32 are added to

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reinstate subject matter removed by deletion of improper multiple dependencies. Thus, including the amendments made under Art. 34, the present claims 16-25, 27, 29, 31 and 32 are pending and stand ready for examination.

Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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